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AIDS walkers march through GW's home territory - up 23rd Street - during Sunday's AIDS Walk Washington.

Campus unites for AIDS Walk

400 GW faculty and students join fundraiser

by John Kelly

Hatchet Reporter

Four-hundred GW students and faculty hit the pavement to combat AIDS Sunday in the 11th annual AIDS Walk.

The walk, which benefits the Whitman-Walker Clinic, raised \$2,646,000 and drew more than 25,000 walkers.

GW students began registering at 10 a.m. in the Gelman Yard with only a handful of students signing up.

But by noon, more than 250 stu-

dents had gathered, clad in white team T-shirts that read "Walk With da' Big One," referring to the GW's unofficial Hippo mascot.

And when the walk began at 2 p.m., 400 GW students and faculty had formed one of the five largest teams participating.

The GW AIDS Walk Team Committee organizers distributed condoms that read "Something Happens Here" in Gelman Yard.

They also gave prizes to Candace Jackson, Mark Parsons, Katherine Leibovitz, Molly Adler and Jeff

Marootian, the five students who raised the most money for the GW team.

The group then departed for the opening ceremonies on the Ellipse, the starting point of the AIDS Walk.

The ceremony was led by news anchors Barbara Harrison and Joe Krebs.

The entertainment was a specially-taped recording of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Boyz II Men and a performance by the cast of

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GW Health leaves students in limbo

by Megan Stack

Features Editor

Senior Danielle Gibbs does not know whether or not she has health insurance. Until this academic year, Gibbs was covered by the GW Student Health Plan. When she returned this past summer from studying abroad in Spain, Gibbs was met with letters explaining that the student insurance plan that had covered her no longer exists.

Instead, Gibbs was offered two choices. She could, as some of the letters suggested, enroll in a new GW student plan offered by the Chickering Claims Administrators, Inc., a Massachusetts insurance company.

Or Gibbs could sign up for the

Direct Pay Plan, a part of the GW Health Plan. Direct Pay offers generalized, month-by-month coverage.

Chickering offered year- or semester-long plans. The University endorses this coverage.

Gibbs decided to enroll in the Chickering plan, officially called the

The State of The GW Health Plan

1997-1998 GW Student Health Insurance Plan. And so she began the process.

"I got the run-around," Gibbs said. "I made phone call after phone call trying to sign up for insurance, and finally I got this answering machine and left a message. I

thought it was taken care of then."

But the weeks passed, and Gibbs heard nothing. Worried, she got back on the phone, only to discover that she had never registered for insurance. She had not been covered since Aug. 30, when last year's student health plan expired.

Gibbs filled out a form and sent it to Boston, giving her credit card number as payment. She still has not heard about her insurance.

"I really don't know if I'm covered yet," Gibbs said. "You would think that I'd have heard something, or at least get something in the mail. I just hope I have insurance."

Gibbs is one of 1,600 students who were covered by the now-defunct student health plan offered

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Handling of bomb threat reviewed

Student leaders call for bomb plan

by Dan Gabriel

Hatchet Reporter

The University's capacity to deal with bomb threats and other emergencies is "pitifully" inadequate, according to a report submitted to the Marvin Center Governing Board during their monthly meeting held Friday.

The report said lack of a thorough "bomb incident plan and well-trained staff jeopardized the lives of over 1,500 people."

In a review of the Sept. 10 Marvin Center bomb threat that forced the evacuation of the building, Student Association Chief of Staff Jay Garrity concluded that no published protocol or adequate contingency plan exist to deal with such emergencies.

Among shortcomings of the evacuation were fire alarms not heard in certain offices, adjacent sidewalks never sealed off to the public and the potentially dangerous use of two-way radios that can cause

premature detonation of electric blasting caps, Garrity said.

In addition, Garrity, who consulted explosive experts from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, questioned the logic of not evacuating the closest residence halls, Adams and Crawford, during a Marvin Center bomb threat.

MCGB Chairman Jonathan Pompan said, "In various places, the alarm is inaudible, and it doesn't necessarily sound like an alarm."

Two students in a fourth-floor student organization office heard "what sounded like a clanging in the hall," although they didn't recognize it as an alarm, according to a woman who did not want to be identified.

Only when a University Police Department officer banged on the window did they realize that the building had to be evacuated.

Executive Director of Student and Academic Support Services

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Arts programs thrive despite limited funds

by Michelle Higgins

Hatchet Reporter

The arts community at GW is welcoming swelling numbers of students to theater and dance classes and auditions this semester. But limited resources and facilities are hampering the growth of Theatre and Dance Department programs eager to expand.

Increased excitement to participate in the performing arts on campus is proving bittersweet for the small department. Though the faculty is attempting to accommodate students, many must be turned away.

Recruiting the Arts

The explosion in theater and dance on campus this semester may be the result of recruiting programs that have been under way for several years.

Such recruiting efforts take "a while to catch on," said GW's Director of Admissions Kathryn Napper. Just now, efforts to attract aspiring artists are beginning to pay off.

Recruitment entails purchasing special mailing lists of students interested in the arts from the PSATs and the Organization for the National Foundation for the Arts, Napper said. GW also creates brochures describing scholarship opportunities and auditions.

"Presidential Arts Scholarships have helped attract students who want an academic curriculum, but want to participate in the arts as well," TRDA Director Leslie Jacobson said. The scholarships are awarded for artistic merit each year.

Jacobson also said she believes people are thinking of the arts in a different light. The 1980s, she said, were marked by "an unseemly focus on making money."

New interest in theater and dance may reflect higher University admissions standards and increasingly strong students.

"Typically I have found over the years that those kinds of people (academic achievers) also are drawn to the arts," theater Professor Nathan

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Smith Center: sorority girls galore and fat folks in spandex

I love the fall. It's a beautiful time here at GW. The way the money smells in Rice Hall. The way the sun gleams off Fung Hall, early in the morning. The cute little freshmen that still wait for the light to turn green before crossing the street.

Personally, I've been having a very difficult couple of weeks. I broke up with my girlfriend of two years last spring, and this summer I realized what an idiot I was, so I've been trying to woo her back. Boy, is it hard.

No woman in her right mind would be caught dead at my side.

Let's be honest, my new picture isn't really me. It's a composite of Eric Lindros, Mel Gibson (for hair) and Tom Selleck. I really look more like the Snuffleupagus on Sesame Street. Basically, I've got some work to do before she'll sink to my level.

The first and most important thing, says my friend Steve, is physical appearance. I've got the height, now I just need the body to match. So Steve suggested that I go work out at the Smith Center.

Apparently Steve suggested working out to the entire sorority rush class of 1997 as well, because I

have never seen so many 5-4 blond women in one place before. The Nautilus room is constantly filled with them. I think GW hires a staff of about 20 to keep the room filled and three of the four Stairmasters constantly on "Hill plane."

I tried the free weight room next, and that did nothing for my confidence. The seven guys on campus who have bodies like Arnold Schwarzenegger live in that weight room. I tentatively shuffled in and started doing dumbbell curls.

All of a sudden, a very, very large man loomed over me and rumbled

"Hey, l'il dude, are you using that sixty?" I looked in between my legs and saw a dumbbell the size of a half-keg. I told him I needed it for balance because I might tip over with my 15-pound weight. He didn't think that was very funny.

Some brave souls like me also venture into the pages of *Vogue* (or as we call it, the basement of the Smith Center).

Most of them, like me, have no right to be there whatsoever. And they all wear spandex.

Why do overweight people have a fascination with wearing spandex? I don't wear spandex. Me trying to look sexy in a pair of spandex is like wrapping my great uncle Ed's airstream trailer in Saran wrap and then saying "Do you think it looks fat?" YES. Do you know why I don't wear spandex? Because I have respect for my fellow man, that's why.

Stephen Joel could stand to lose a few pounds himself. Let's be honest, Steve, you're no Dean Wormer. Here's my suggestion: Let's spend some leftover dough that didn't go to police training to making a gym for average people.

We could even name it after me - The Trygve W. Olsen-Trachtenberg Workout Center for the Slightly Paunchy: No spandex allowed.

When I asked my friend Beth for a suggestion to get my girlfriend

back, she replied "Find out what her favorite animal is, and then get a really big stuffed animal that matches. Like a wolverine, or a lemur."

I can now report this, as of Labor Day weekend: The entire Washington metropolitan area, toy stores, pet stores, shoe stores, taxidermy stores, every freaking store in the area does not have a stuffed ferret.

I live by myself this year, in an obscenely large apartment in JBKO. There are times that I have too much room. Dan told me, "Women need a reason to go back to your place. Give your apartment a cool name."

Dan is right. The mayor of New York lives in "Gracie Mansion." The president lives in "The White House." Elvis lived in "Graceland." Erica Kane on All My Children (before she got sent to jail for kidnapping Edmund and Maria's baby) lived in "Linden House."

The best that Dan and I could come up with were "House of Love" (too overbearing), "Love Shack" (too '80s), "Olsen Manor" (my Dad won't let me, he says he lives in "Olsen Manor").

I thought of "The Ivory Tower," but I figured the Student Association needs a place to call their own, too. So I've settled on "Club Olé." If that doesn't work, there's always mail-order stuffed ferret places, right?



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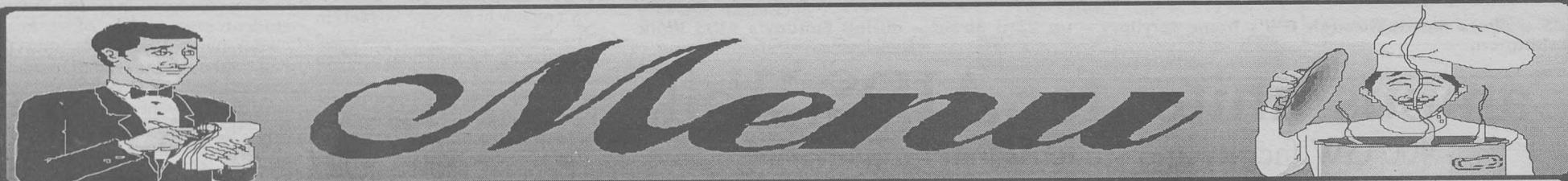
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Japanese prince is newest grad

Hitachi accepts honorary degree

by Heather Shaw

Hatchet Staff Writer

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg presented an honorary Doctor of Science degree to Prince Masahito Hitachi of Japan in the Marvin Center Ballroom Thursday.

Trachtenberg said giving the honorary degree to Hitachi allowed him to do two things — to pay tribute to a scientist and to meet a member of the Japanese royal family.

The Prince of Japan also was inducted into the University's alumni list.

"As of this morning, the University had 120,000 alumni. Now the University will have 120,000 plus one," Trachtenberg said.

"It is a great honor for me to receive an honorary degree from the George Washington University," Hitachi said. "This is one of my proudest moments and I will cherish this memory for the rest of my life."

"I am very pleased that Prince Hitachi is accepting the award," said John Harshbarger, director of

the registry of tumors in lower animals and a professor in the department of pathology.

Hitachi graduated from the Gakushuin University in Japan and continued his study of cell biology at the University of Tokyo.

He has been studying comparative pathology of tumors in lower animals, such as fish and frogs, at the Cancer Institute of the Japanese Foundation for Cancer Research as a visiting researcher since 1969. He also has been a member of the Japanese Cancer Association since 1970.

Hitachi gave a presentation on tumors in lower animals after Trachtenberg gave him the honorary degree.

Senior Meredith Gordon, former Cherry Blossom Queen, and senior Mark Keegan represented GW students in welcoming Hitachi.

Lilien Robinson, chair of the Faculty Senate and art department chair, was the faculty representative who greeted Prince Hitachi.

The GW Student String Quartet and the GW Student Jazz Combo played music during the ceremony.

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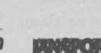
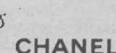
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No GW bomb plan

The Marvin Center experienced its second bomb threat of the year Sept. 10. Although the threat was, thankfully, only a hoax, it vividly demonstrated the University's lack of a cohesive plan to deal with the real thing. While most other D.C.-area colleges and universities have bomb incident plans based on federal guidelines, even though they are on the periphery of the city, GW does not. This needs to change immediately.

After the threat was received, the decision was made to evacuate the Marvin Center. Fire alarms were set off to move everyone outside to safety. However, many people did not hear the fire alarms, and stayed in the building until University Police Department officers ordered them out. In the event that the threat had been real, the potential for deaths and injuries was tremendous. What is the purpose of having fire alarms and testing them every few months if people cannot hear them?

Though both the Marvin Center and UPD have some basic guidelines for bomb emergencies, they fall short of federal recommendations. The University needs a plan that is coordinated, disseminated and well thought-through. Almost all area schools have such plans, but GW does not. Of course, following GW logic this makes perfect sense: Why would a school that is a few blocks from the White House, State Department, World Bank and a host of other potential terrorist targets need a bomb plan? But then again, this is a school that in the past did not have a back-up plan for its outdoor Commencement in the event of rain. Common sense seems scarce on this campus.

The University is not being asked to develop its own bomb squad, just to develop a plan in conjunction with federal recommendations. GW needs to come up with an bomb incident plan immediately, not simply push the issue off to some study group or another. Students' safety lies with the University.

No GW health plan

One would think that a program advertised extensively throughout the city with the identifying "GW" in its name would be geared toward GW students. The GWU Health Plan, however, is no longer for students. The GWUHP did not renew its yearly contract with the University, and no longer offers student health coverage. Its only concession to students, in fact, was an offer of enrollment in its Direct Pay plan, a high-price, low-benefit plan highly impractical for college students.

In its place, the University signed a year-long contract with Chickering Claims Administrators, Inc. Under the contract, Chickering is charged with providing the University-endorsed 1997-1998 GW Student Health Insurance Plan.

The problem is that many of the students who tried to switch over to the Chickering plan found themselves in a bureaucratic nightmare. Unreturned phone calls and unanswered questions left some students in a panic and without insurance. Some students never figured out exactly what was going on.

The confusion can only be expected. How are students supposed to understand that the health plan carrying the University's initials is not actually for them?

GW, in its various manifestations, has managed to deeply confuse much of its student population. In the case of health insurance, confusion is dangerous.

For many students, this is the first time they are getting insurance coverage on their own. Instead of GW trying to help students maintain their coverage, they have only added to the befuddlement. GW needs to contact individuals previously covered by the GW Health Plan and see if they have found new coverage. This is the least the institution could do to rectify such a mess.

In the future, GW must be more precise in explaining and defining its actions. Such carelessness with the health insurance of its students is unforgivable.

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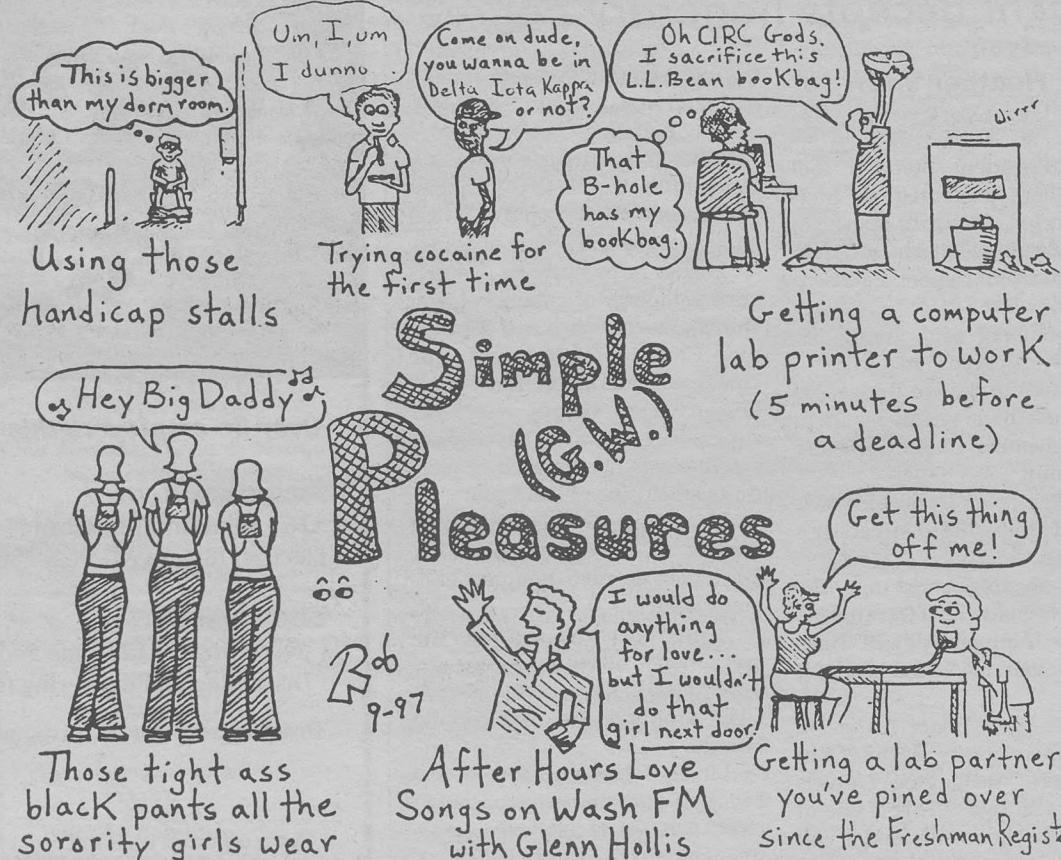
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Letters to the Editor

More than just good looks

The ladies of the George Washington University Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Mu Delta Chapter, are proud to announce that we are hosting the Second Annual Ms. Freshman Pageant along with the Multi Cultural Student Services Center. On Sept. 18, The GW Hatchet printed an opinion article in which the two writers stated they are "disgusted by the idea of the Miss Freshman Pageant" ("Out-dated pageantry," p. 4).

The opinion article implies that intelligence, charm, poise, and originality are not characteristics of younger persons. On the contrary, these are qualities that are developed and refined with maturity and experience. This is precisely why flyers for the pageant advertise these defining traits of finer womanhood.

I find it extremely odd that the writers would criticize an event about which they know nothing. Clearly, if they had attended the pageant last fall, they would have known that Miss Freshman is not a beauty pageant. This is explicitly stated at the very first information sessions held at the commencement of the pageant preparation, as well as at the actual pageant. All participants volunteered their time at Miriam's Kitchen feeding the homeless, and also sponsored a

child as part of the pre-pageant activities.

Bathing suit competitions and beauty were not criteria by which participants were judged. However, there was a question and answer segment in which the participants addressed various current issues including education, violence, politics and women in the professional world.

We are extremely proud of this pageant and the young women who participate. Our treasurer, Mona Abraham, has extended a warm welcome to both writers to attend the first pre-pageant activity entitled, "Who's Who." The MSSC co-sponsored our first annual pageant last year and has graciously offered their support again this year. I doubt that one of the most prominent and respected student organizations at the University would not only support, but also sponsor an event that was "degrading" or "put women on display."

Everyone has a right to his or her own opinion. However, opinions based on valid information are more respectable than those based on pure conjecture. "Miss Freshman" will be judged upon a series of events that will allow her to demonstrate her congeniality, talent, community service and fundraising capabilities.

-Marion Colas
president, Alpha Kappa Alpha,
Mu Delta Chapter

Quiet please!

When I first knew I would be living in the new dorm, I was quite excited. I mean, with all the utilities and accessories, you would think this would be a palace to live in.

My complaint is not so much with the University, but with the District of Columbia. The location of the dorm has brought with it a major problem: trucks and tractor-trailers that like to drive down the street at the crack of dawn.

While I understand they have to be on the road, why so early in the morning? I don't consider myself a light sleeper, but a truck barreling down the street before sunrise hitting every pot hole might have the effect of waking you up. When this occurs on a consistent basis, you start to get annoyed.

I propose a challenge to any of the trucking companies and to D.C. to put off driving so early in the morning or at least on H Street, or to pass some noise ordinance to prevent these vehicles from being on the road at such early hours, and causing people like to me to miss those extra couple hours of sleep, and have a teacher wonder why we doze off, snoring in a recitation.

-Brandon Moss
Sophomore

Letters/Op-ed Policy

-Letters/op-eds may be submitted either at the Hatchet office (2140 G St.) or by e-mail (hatchet@gwu2.circ.gwu.edu).

-All submissions must include the author's name, school year, phone number and should be typed, grammatically correct and concise.

-Deadlines for submissions are Friday by 5 p.m. for Monday's issue and Tuesday by 5 p.m. for Thursday's issue.

America is global due to ideals

In the opinion article by Stephen Joel Trachtenberg ("Is Diana proof of a global America?" The GW Hatchet, Sept. 8, p.5), we are asked to contemplate what "global Americanization" means for us at the close of what many have called the "American century." The right question is asked, but the answer is never found. As was eloquently put, "We are the eternal pioneers of an increasingly international lifestyle." And rightfully so, but not because of materialism. The theme is freedom, not innovation, not individuality, and it is what resonates across the globe.

Yet in the opinion article there is no mention of "ideas," "beliefs," "freedom," "democracy," et al., though it is peppered with talk of how our consumer culture has permeated the global community. How can anyone write about the impact of America in the 20th century without exploring any of the issues that put us on the map?

"Being human means that you work to qualify for a well-paid job conducted at a desk rather than in a rice paddy," Trachtenberg writes. Presumably, if you work in a rice paddy, you are sub-human. Yet as Bill Cosby said at last year's Commencement, "Never assume that you know more than someone who didn't go to college." Let us not forget that the forge and arsenal of Democracy is not found on K Street or Wall Street. It is found on Main Street, in the factories of the "Rust Belt" and the grain fields of the Heartland, where the working slobs enjoy their simple pleasures of life and liberty, while we elites continue our permanent "quest for entertainment."

Princess Diana was used as an example of an Americanized woman. An intelligent, modern Princess who died a tragic death after years

of charitable work. Yet, nonetheless, a poster child for the elite. Famous for being famous. Idolized (even before her magnanimous contributions to the sick and destitute) because of who she was, rather than what she did.

Here in America, surprise, we don't have nobility. We believe we will be judged not by the nobility of our bloodline, but by the content of our character. We reject the notion of a "divine right" to rule others, and profess to believe in a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Contrary to what was said, the whole world isn't "turning American." The whole world is turning to America, and for just these reasons. Sure, kids are drinking Coke around the globe and wearing DKNY, but so what? The significance of America's influence on the world is better understood through the context of history; not food and fashion trends. "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall," we yelled in the '80s. And down it came. "This naked aggression will not stand," we declared in the '90s. And we united the free world and drove Saddam Hussein from Kuwait.

Back in the '80s, an aircraft carrier flying the Stars and Stripes was cruising off the coast of Japan when it happened upon a sinking boat of Chinese refugees. Once aboard, one of the survivors, speaking in broken English, exclaimed to a U.S. sailor, "American freedom man! Thank you!" If we are undergoing a transformation into a global America, let us hope that foreign nations look to us for our ideas and beliefs rooted in freedom and liberty, and not our greed and insatiable appetite for material things and fame.

-The writer is a sophomore double majoring in political science and journalism.

Dan
Gabriel

Justice is needed in Mideast

During the past week, I have followed the opinion pieces published in The GW Hatchet. I have read them – some more than once – and for the most part have been deeply dismayed by what I have seen.

The anger that I perceived in the Sept. 15 issue was extremely disturbing. I speak specifically of the letter titled "Netanyahu puts end to 'peace' process," (p. 5).

I understand the writer's anger and desire for security in the region – specifically between Israel and the Palestinians; however, I believe his statements regarding the issue were faulty in that he failed to consider any opinion other than his own.

Personally, I am of Egyptian and Italian heritage, though I was born and raised in the United States. Therefore, it is likely that I err on the side of greater sympathy to the Palestinian plight. However, while it is true that my connections to the region are mostly through my Arab relatives, I have grown in this country with friends from all walks of life. My closest companions have been Jewish, and some even Israeli.

The conversations that we have shared have taught us all the value of the other side's concerns. The writer believes that Netanyahu is correct to all but ending the peace process entirely. The writer uses words such as "security" and "terrorists" rather freely, and I am forced to wonder if he has ever really given deep thought to what these words truly mean.

Regardless of whether one is Palestinian, Jewish, Arab or Israeli, all anyone wants is safety and security. While the opinion article

sees no problems with guaranteeing these rights for Israelis at the expense of the rights of Palestinians, I contend that to do as it suggests would be fundamentally unfair. Worse, in fact, doing so would succeed in guaranteeing not security, but warfare. How can anyone recommend the oppression of one people for the freedom of another, and then believe that the oppressed will remain so without struggle. Today, Palestinians are forced from their houses, prevented from traveling and detained for the slightest reason.

I do not claim that Israel is not justified in some sense in their actions against terrorism – or that Palestinian leaders such as Arafat could not do more – I would only argue that Israel's actions will not result in the security that they and their Arab neighbors wish so deeply for.

When a bomb explodes in a market, or another house is bulldozed because the occupant's son is believed to belong to Hamas, I feel pain. I do not wish to see any more bloodshed or activities that are intended to inspire fear from either state. The time for war is over.

There is no peace except a just peace. It is a mistake and an injustice to believe that denying rights to Palestinians will bring anything but more conflict to a region already bloodied by foolish wars and inflamed pride. Muslims, Jews, Arabs, Christians, Israelis – we are all family; we are all neighbors. One person's pain, regardless of faith or citizenship, is another's. The sooner this is realized, then the sooner all will have security.

-The writer is a first-year law student.

Omar
Ashmawy

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

SAY IT GENERAL MEETING, 9pm, MC 4th Flr. Lobby. Info? Oona 994-9542.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

THE CAREER CENTER WORKSHOP "HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF CAREER FAIR," 6:30-8pm, MC 405, FREE. Info? 994-6495.

STUDENT ALLIANCE FOR ISRAEL MEETING, 8:30pm, MC 407. Info? Scott 338-5314.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

ESIA BROWN BAG LECTURE "THE EMERGING TRADE AGENDA: PROSPECTS FOR THE NEXT WTO ROUND," by Dr. Michael Moore, 12-1pm, Stuart 103, FREE. Info? Ilaya 994-4876.

THE CAREER CENTER RESUMANIA!, 3-6pm, MC Colonial Commons, FREE w/ ticket. Info? 994-6495.

THE CAREER CENTER RESUMANIA!, 3-6pm, MC Colonial Commons, FREE w/ ticket. Info? 994-6495.

THE COUNSELING CENTER WORKSHOP, ACADEMIC SUCCESS SERIES "REMEMBER WHAT YOU'RE TAUGHT," 4:10-5:30pm, 2033 K Street, Suite 330, FREE. Info? 994-5300.

JEWISH POLITICAL FORUM & GW FRIENDS OF ISRAEL GUEST LECTURE "WHICH POLITICAL PARTY IS BEST OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY?" by Ira Forman & Matt Brooks, 7pm, MC 403, FREE. Info? Adam 296-8873.

GW RECREATIONAL SPORTS INTRAMURAL MINIATURE GOLF TOURNAMENT, 8pm, Haines Point, \$4, Register by 9/23/97. Info? Aubre 994-6251.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

THE CAREER CENTER CAREER FAIR, 1-6pm, MC Ballroom & Colonial Commons. Info? 994-6495.

BROTHERHOOD OF BRITISH COMEDY MEETING, 7-11pm, MC 409. Info? Alexandra 861-6839.

GW'S WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP "PRIME TIME," talk on Christian life in college & prayer, 8pm, MC 403. Info? Will 783-2663 or IVCF Office 994-7102.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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SA deal offers students rental car discounts

by Semira Asfaha
Hatchet Reporter

The Student Association has reached an agreement with local car rental companies to give students discounts on renting vehicles.

Enterprise will offer a 15 percent discount to GW students 21-years-old and older, and Bargain Buggies will offer a 10 percent discount to GW students 18-years-old and older, said SA Sen. Jason Haber (CSAS).

Haber said he started working on getting a discount for students when their parking rights in D.C. were restricted. "It is now even harder for students to park their cars because they can't obtain the parking permits that residents have," he said.

He said he started working on the deal in January. Although the University helped the SA with direc-

tion and support, Haber said the initiative came from the SA. It has been in effect since spring 1997 and several students have already made use of it, Haber added.

To promote the deal, Bargain Buggies will have a car on the Quad from noon to 4 p.m. Monday.

The SA will raffle off the car for the weekend. They also are devising a coupon system with which students can get added discounts the more cars they rent, Haber said.

To rent a car students need a GW ID, a valid drivers license and either a credit card or a \$300 deposit.

Haber said that "students no longer need to be confined to the limits of the Metro. They will now be able to go places that are not on the Metro lines."

Some students were skeptical about the new car rental service.

"I don't see people going out to

explore the community. I see them going home to New York or something," junior Chanler Langham said. "GW students drink a lot. I'd be concerned about that too," he added.

"I'd be a little worried about safety, especially for those freshman who haven't been here long and aren't used to driving in the city," sophomore Agaicha Troare said.

One student regretted not having the car rental service available to her earlier.

"I've been looking for a place to rent a car. I wish I knew about this over the summer when I couldn't find a company to rent a car from since I wasn't 21," junior Lissette Vaquerano said.

"Regardless of what students do with the car, the purpose is to benefit the students and make their life at GW fun," Haber said.

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If students could change anything in the Marvin Center, first would be the food at J Street, with 25 votes, then the staff attitudes at J Street, with 20 votes.

AKA leads 'Woman to Woman' discussion

by Jennifer Marsh
Hatchet Reporter

About 25 women participated in the Alpha Kappa Alpha "Woman to Woman" discussion in the Marvin Center Colonial Commons Wednesday night.

The event was designed to raise awareness about problems that affect women in today's society, especially on campus.

AKA member Elbie Bekure said part of the purpose of the sorority is "to help alleviate problems concerning girls and women," while also "addressing the problems that are currently happening."

Discussion organizer Jocelyn Yankey opened with statistics.

Yankey said 50 percent of all women are abused, and a man batters a woman to death every six hours.

She also said 85 to 95 percent of all domestic violence incidents involve alcohol.

Steve Van Wagoner, a staff psychologist at the University Counseling Center, explained how extreme and subtle chauvinistic attitudes internalized by men can lead to violence against women.

They discussed different acts of violence committed against women, including touching and non-touching sexual abuse, and physical abuse.

Van Wagoner also illustrated the "Cycle of Violence," which includes only two phases, the escalation stage and the honeymoon stage.

These two stages of a relationship are committed over and over again until the violence overwhelms the relationship, Van Wagoner said.

They also discussed how to detect if a man is likely to abuse a woman again by looking at data from the cycle of violence in their relationship. The women shared personal stories with the group; ranging from tales of an abusive father to a boyfriend who loses control of himself when he is angry.

Some women said they were disappointed by girlfriends who defend abusive relationships by saying, "but he loves me."

Bekure said, "To love is a verb and not just a feeling," and that love must be shown to another person and not just stated.

Van Wagoner said much of the abuse towards women stems from men seeking complete control and power.

Handouts were available to those who might need further assistance with these issues.

Yankey said many young men were invited, but none attended. She said she thought it is "important for women to get together and talk about these issues."

SA Senate meetings will air in J St.

by Dan Gabriel
Hatchet Reporter

The Student Association agreed to broadcast its Senate meetings on J Street's big screen televisions on a trial basis.

The Marvin Center Governing Board voted to allow the SA to replay videotapes of its meetings from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., replacing the usual CNN broadcast, said MCGB Chair Jonathan Pompan.

The SA wants to increase student

awareness, interest and involvement in its process, SA Vice President Tony Sayegh wrote in a letter to MCGB.

In other MCGB news, a survey was distributed by the Student Activities Center, formerly the Office of Campus Life, in May to find out why students go to the Marvin Center. The results were released Friday. Nearly half the students who responded use the Marvin Center daily to "eat at J Street," 24 percent, to "hang out with friends," 19 percent to shop at the MC Store

and 13 percent to attend meetings.

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It was no different on Sunday, Sept. 14, in the Terrace Theater at the Kennedy Center, as the brilliant pianist Eugene Istomin, wowed the audience with a wonderful repertoire of ambitious pieces. The program began with a short piece entitled "Fantasy, Op. 77," a quick, although somewhat disjointed, ride through a wide spectrum of human emotion.

This delightful opening piece, however, could not prepare the audience for the wonders to follow. The brilliantly sympathetic, and in the end, triumphant "Moonlight Sonata" followed. From the start, this piece

Daniel Marcus

Hatchet Reporter

grapples with pitiful emotions coupled with human suffering. The opening melody seems to cry in anguish through the dark and fore-

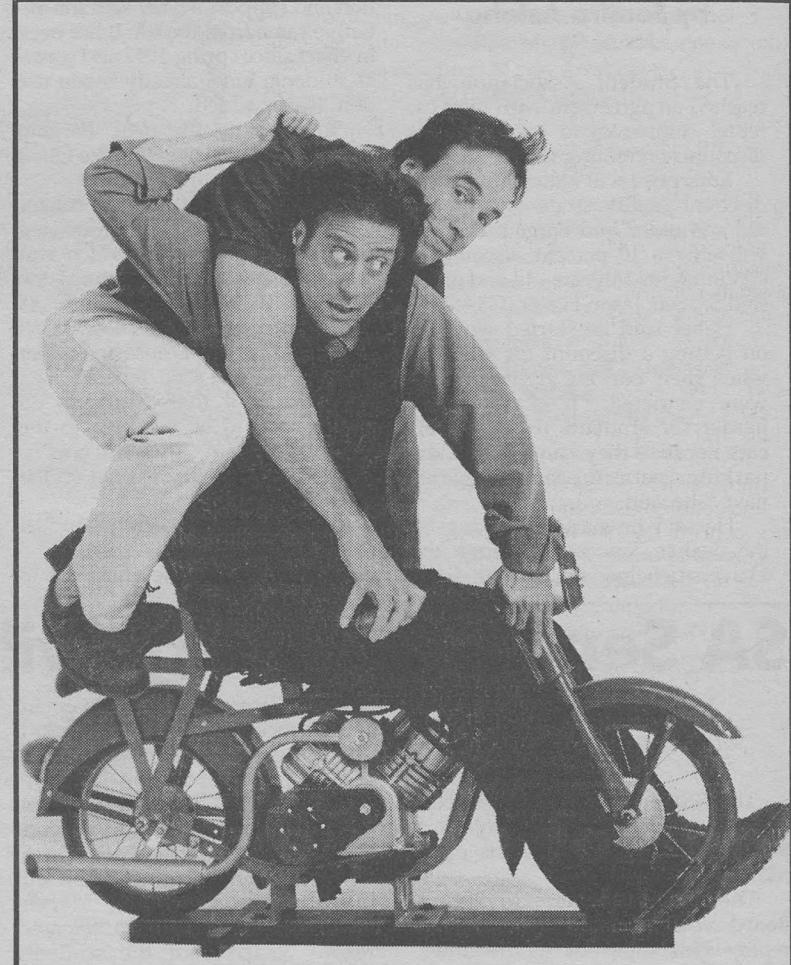
boding chords. The voice pleads for help – lost on its fateful journey to spiritual enlightenment. Throughout the piece, however, this voice grows and changes, allowing it to reach its triumphant climax in the glorious chords that leave the listener on the top of a mountain, heart in his throat, looking over the precipice at the obstacles that he has overcome.

This wonderful piece leaves the heart racing and the mind flying.

The two other sonatas played, the "Op. 110" and the "Waldstein Sonata," were equally impressive, expanding and elaborating upon the grand themes of the human condition introduced in the "Moonlight."

Throughout the performance, Istomin was impressive with his graceful style, delicate touch and great technical prowess. The world-renowned pianist even obliged the audience with two beautiful encores.

For those who think classical music is boring, one performance like this would surely be enough to convert for life. While it may not be as visually exciting as our modern-day spectacles, it is engaging, and a cerebral workout that is recommended to all.



Kevin Nealon and Richard Lewis are "Hiller and Diller," ABC's new Tuesday-night comedy about writing for a sitcom.



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Council Travel
Semester at Sea
Butler University
Boston University
New York University

Nealon, Lewis star in new ABC comedy

Kristian House

Hatchet Staff Writer

Réalizing everybody loves a comedian in a sitcom, and following the advice that two is better than one, ABC brings "Hiller and Diller" to the small screen at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23.

The show couples comic Richard Lewis and "Saturday Night Live" alum Kevin Nealon as partners and family men Hiller and Diller. The two play longtime friends who, after having written television comedy together for 15 years, have trouble separating their professional and personal lives. The viewer will see the ever-intriguing world of script writers and the ups-and-downs of their lives. Supposedly some kind of artistic envelope is being pushed.

It's been said that Hollywood producers love the chance to humanize their product and profession. This show will try to do just that. The watching public now has a chance to realize that behind the programs they watch live everyday people. These writers have responsibilities and problems just like the rest of the world. But their lives will be funnier.

Nealon stars as Ted Hiller, the yin to Neil Diller's (Lewis) yang. Hiller is the more responsible of the two – he needs to be sure that everyone involved in his life is feeling as groovy as possible. Lewis, basically playing himself, needs someone to

take care of him because of his grated-cheese personality. Expect many scenes of Lewis becoming increasingly neurotic while Nealon explains to him that everything is fine.

Hiller and Diller write for the comedy "Katie!" and, adhering to the rule that there can be no nice bosses in TV, the two are forced to contend with their overbearing producer. Their very different personalities clash in the workplace. Hiller is conscientious and focused on the job at hand, while Diller just lets his creativity flow stream-of-consciousness style. But this doesn't hurt them at all. In fact, the collision is what makes them successful.

Nothing is funnier than dysfunction in the family, so Diller goes home to wise-cracking boys who ignore his attempts at parenting. Hiller has a family that reflects his persona. It's a happy home with a smart kid, a cute kid and a pesky kid. Of course, both families will be involved with each other, making for some witty banter and trivial conflicts.

The people behind this show have some fairly impressive credits to their names. "Hiller and Diller" was created by the same team that produced *City Slickers*, *A League of Their Own*, *Parenthood* and the ever-beautiful *Splash*, so the show should get at least a few laughs. It will hopefully be worth a half-hour of a Tuesday. "Hiller and Diller" will air at 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays on ABC this season.

Arts flourishing on campus despite need for funds, space

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Garner said. "The better the student population, the more we see people getting involved."

Wanted: Classes and Space

The students, however, express frustration with the crunch of limited class time and space.

"There is a greater need for facilities and faculty when considering the increasing amount of artists in this University," senior Presidential Arts Scholar Alesia Young said.

"Dance is limited to two small spaces, Building J and the Marvin Center studio. The fact that (the spaces) are shared with registered classes, and student organizations is just ridiculous," Young said.

Young, a dance major, is producing and choreographing her own dance concert for her honors thesis project.

"There are more students than there are classes offered and faculty to teach," she said. "Three (dance) instructors are just not enough."

Due to a cut in the Columbian School's part-time faculty budget, TRDA faculty say they have reduced some popular introductory classes.

Introduction to acting is a prerequisite for other theater courses. Jacobson said that the class is "always full" - yet this year one section had to be dropped.

Lack of space is also an obstacle. TRDA classes demand specific facilities like dance studios and a theater. These facilities require open space, which is a problem at any urban campus.

"Like other departments on campus, space is a problem because it's a city school," Jacobson admitted.

The demand for space forces the department to share with other campus organizations.

"A lot of people think we control the Theatre, but we don't," Jacobson said. "We have to schedule space from the Marvin Center, as does the rest of the University and outside renters."

Residence Shut-Down

Students interested in theater and dance are losing space in their residence halls as well. The Creative and Performing Arts Floor, once housed on the eighth floor of Mitchell Hall, was discontinued this year.

The floor housed musicians, artists, writers and dancers. Professional artists were assigned to the floor as advisor and resident assistant.

"There wasn't a complete 'floor' of students interested in the program last year, but there were enough to justify keeping the program," Senior Associate Dean for the Community Living and Learning Center Mike Walker said. "So Mitchell was designated as the Creative and Performing Arts Community, which includes a variety of floors."

"The sense of community that you got from living on the floor is lost altogether," senior English major Andrew Kozma says.

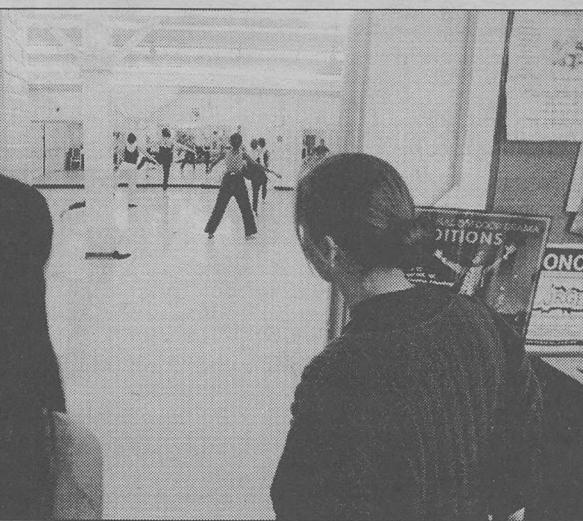


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Dancers spin around poles during class in Building J.

When CPAF was discontinued, the colorful murals painted by the artists living on the floor were painted over "a stark institutional white," eighth floor resident Claudia Alick said.

With the change from "floor" to "community," the professional artists-in-residence positions were discontinued. Now students have taken on the responsibility themselves, with Alick spearheading the organization.

"I am working to redefine the group," Alick said. "It is dedicated to keeping the artistic community at GW in communication, and has the power to be one of the driving forces on campus."

A state of decadence

Student groups are taking on more responsibilities, but classroom limitations and the state of facilities are problems.

Theater Professor Alan Wade's

concerns about the disrepair of the Marvin Center Theatre led him to address Columbian School of Arts and Sciences Dean Lester Lefton.

"Any ill-equipped or inadequately maintained laboratory ought to be brought to the attention of the appropriate academic dean," Wade explained.

In the theater, several of the best seats in the house are broken, wallpaper is peeling off and most of the house lights are in disrepair.

"The seating is an embarrassment," theater Professor Carl Gudenus agreed.

The seats are going to be fixed this fall, assistant director of Conference and Events Services Jim Hess said. The Marvin Center is deciding between three repair options, he explained.

"At this point it is obvious that we need to do something immediately," Hess said.

Administrators are discussing future theater improvements as part of the Marvin Center renovations that have been discussed for several years.

Hess said he does not know to what extent the theater will be updated.

"Unfortunately, the MC Theater is not a space designated to the department," Wade said. "It is under the administrative control of a non-academic unit of the University."

"The Marvin Center Theater currently uses a 1970s lighting system that is out of electrical code and starting to fail," Gudenus said. "With equipment like this, the University is putting students on the cutting edge of 1970s technology."

Banging on administrative doors

Despite department limitations, students are showing a definite interest in the arts. An unprecedented 62 students showed up for a recent dance audition, crowding into the studio and steaming up the mirrors.

TRDA worries that the space and facilities won't hold up against the recent flood of students, or that students will lose interest after being closed out of classes.

"The school is sending out the message that the arts aren't important and the students are showing up in droves to auditions," costume shop teacher's assistant Kate Turner-Walker said.

"The University must support students' increased interest," Director of Dance Maida Withers said. "The students expect and deserve better."

More money and a shift of University focus are needed, TRDA faculty said.

"The large former cafeteria in the Marvin Center (Colonial Commons) on the second floor could become a fine dance studio," Withers suggested. "At least it is larger than Building J and its poles."

Meanwhile, students continue to cry for expression and challenge the University on issues of inadequate space, facilities and student-faculty ratio.

"The bottom line is that a fine institution has to be committed to a fine program in the arts," Garner said.

Students struggle to keep abreast of health insurance shifts

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by the GW Health Plan. She is not alone in her confusion. When the University passed the ball to the Chickering Group, some students, like Gibbs, were temporarily puzzled out of insurance.

GW contracts with GW

Mapping out the insurance plans is no simple task. To understand the current situation, it is fundamental to realize that the GW Health Plan is a business whose primary purpose is to provide insurance to local employers exterior to the University.

Until this year, GW's Student Health Plan was produced by the GW Health Plan. Every year, the University contracts an insurance provider to form a health plan for the students. A new contract is drawn up each year, but since 1991 the University has selected the GW Health Plan as the GW Student Health Plan provider.

This past year, the GW Health Plan decided to discontinue its Student Health Plan.

"That was a business decision of theirs; they couldn't duplicate last year's plan," Dean of Students Linda Donnels said. "We (students) are just a blip on the screen for GWU (Health Plan). They market to metropolitan employers."

Student insurance has not been offered by the GW Health Plan since August 30. Beginning this year, the University no longer recommends that students buy coverage from the GW Health Plan.

There was a day, not so long ago, when the GW Health Plan referred, at least in part, to services designed for

GW students. That day is gone.

"The GW Health Plan is no longer the GW Student Health Plan," Donnels said.

What's the GW Health Plan, anyway?

Oddly, nobody seems able to pin down the exact connection between GW Health Plan and the University. Health Plan administrators were unavailable for comment.

"The GW Health Plan - it's affiliated with the medical center, the hospital, one of those products over there," Administrative Manager of Student Health Services Barbara Harner said. "How it's connected with the University I don't exactly know."

"I really don't know what our relationship with the University is," said a Health Plan worker who declined to give her name in a telephone interview.

Perhaps the confusion can be traced to GW withdrawing endorsement from the health plan that carries its name. Students whose idea of GW is purely that of the University may not understand the differences between the business aspects and the student aspects. And all of GW's departments, offices and businesses contain the GW initials.

The line between GW the University and GW the business is blurred enough to stump even employees. Some students are at sea when faced with insurance paperwork.

Direct Pay

When it ended the coverage that had been crafted especially for GW students, the Health Plan offered students the option of enrolling in its

Direct Pay plan.

Direct Pay is not designed for students; it is available to anybody. Patients in Direct Pay are treated through the Ambulatory Care Center. Because of its high price (upwards of \$100 per month) and limited benefits, the University does not recommend the Direct Pay plan for students, Donnels said.

"The GW product (Direct Pay) is still available to any individual; any person can walk in off the street and sign up for that," Donnels said. "But it doesn't offer as much. It doesn't, for one thing, offer international coverage, which students need to study abroad."

Sophomore Courtney Flick is insured by the Direct Pay plan. She is treated by a primary physician at the Ambulatory Care Center, and says that it can take her up to two weeks to get an appointment.

Flick switched last February from the now-defunct student health plan to the Direct Pay plan. She wanted to avoid the student health clinic after going to the clinic last winter with a throat lesion.

"The doctor there said that he didn't know what was wrong, but it might be the measles and so I should just go away and come back if it didn't get better," Flicks said. "I couldn't believe it. I mean, come on - everybody here has had a measles vaccination."

In the process of changing coverage, she lost insurance for three weeks.

"They (the Direct Pay plan) gave me all sorts of problems with whether they were doing business through my parents or through me," Flicks recalled. "And then they refused to

start the coverage because they said they hadn't received an application that they never told me I needed to send in."

Absolutely exposed

Senior Danielle McCray has no doubts about her coverage - she has no insurance.

McCray is among those students who, faced with head-spinning paperwork and rumors of inferior care offered at the student health clinic, have found themselves uncovered - on a tightrope with no net below.

"I am uncovered right now," McCray said. "I've been on the health plan for two years, which was really too expensive anyway. It just confused me, because I got this letter saying that the student health plan doesn't exist anymore."

McCray is considering medical school. Her internship rotates through various clinics around the District, and she has worked at the GW Hospital. She pointed out that she has been dissatisfied with the student health clinic since her freshman year.

"The way the insurance worked was stupid anyway, because last year I had to go to the student health (clinic) first, and only if they referred me to somebody else could I actually go see a doctor," McCray said. "But of course student health doesn't refer people, so really I was paying to use a service that's free for students anyway."

When she was notified of the change in the student plan, McCray allowed her coverage to run out rather than choose between signing up for another year of insurance or paying high month-to-month rates.

McCray's complaints are not uncommon. All three students criticized the student health clinic, claiming it has a notoriously bad reputation. The Chickering plan treats students at the clinic, which may cause some students to shy away from the coverage.

"I want to switch to the Chickering plan," Flick said. "My one qualm about the new plan is that I do not want to be treated at student health."

Cross your fingers...

Inscrutable bureaucracy, confusion between business and University and a clinic that is thinly trusted by students - all of these elements have combined to form a potentially dangerous situation.

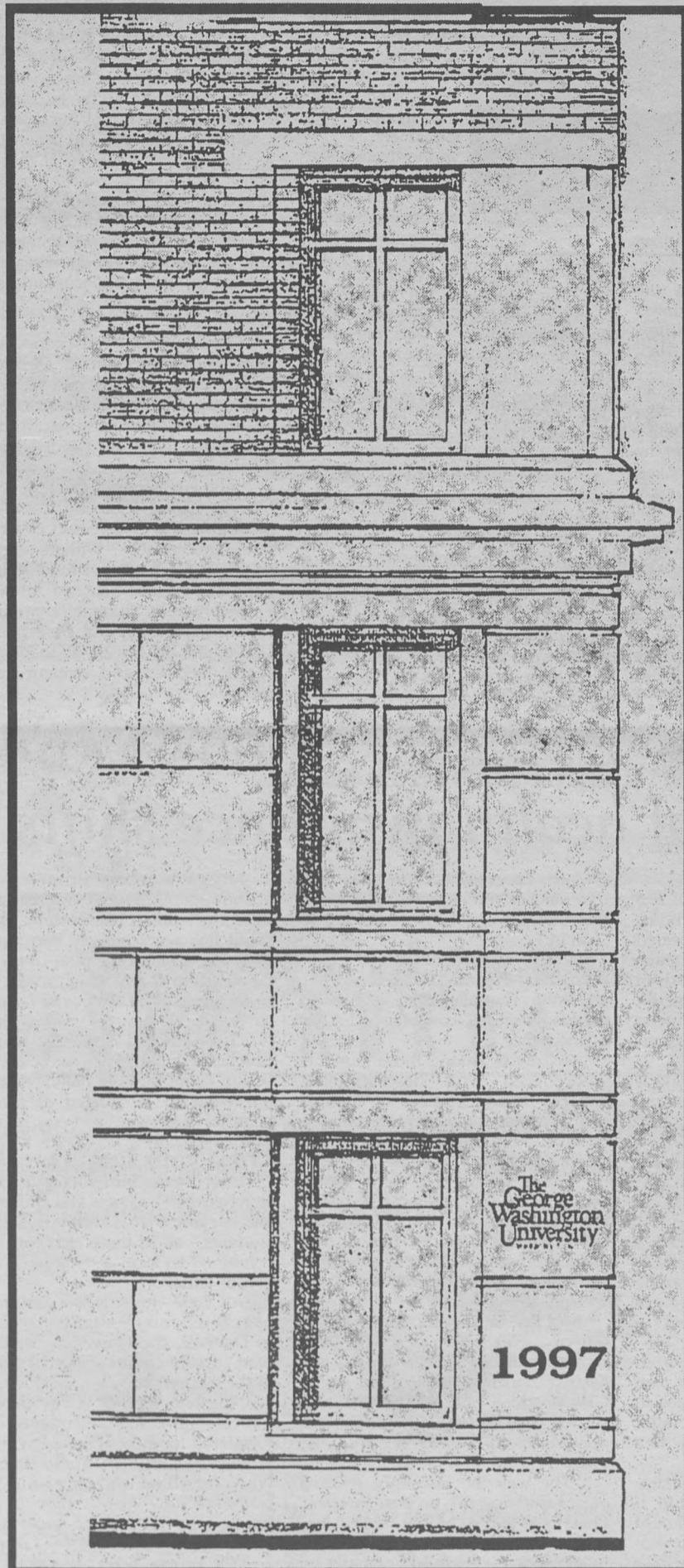
All 1600 students lost last year's plan at the end of August. According to Donnels, the University-endorsed plan usually covers about 10 percent of the student body.

Numbers are not yet available to indicate how many students have registered for either Direct Pay or the Student Health Plan. These statistics, when consulted, will offer some indication of how many students once covered by GW plans went uninsured.

"Of course I get nervous about being uncovered," McCray said. "What if I fall down and break my leg? I can't afford to have anything serious happen to me."

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Hoagie eating contest devolves into foodfight

by Michael Gallagher
Hatchet Reporter

It was standing room only at J Street during the Mountain Dew Hoagie Eating Contest Thursday.

Participants were given two minutes to eat as many hoagies as they could, and to wet their palates with cans of Mountain Dew.

Dave Gutierrez, an eater for the winning seven-person "Dew" team, said he had lost count of how many hoagies he ate after he devoured his first two.

The competition was so close that judge and J Street Food Service Director Rawn Burnett said he could not decide which team was the winner.

A one minute overtime period was added and the "Dew" team was declared victorious.

The action did not stop there as

the "Mountain" team, upset with their defeat, began throwing leftovers at their opponents.

The food fight was "two to three minutes of insane hoagie throwing," spectator Lou Hirsch said.

Mountain Dew had their van parked outside J Street for the contest.

They gave out free soda and tapes, and had drawings to win Mountain Dew T-shirts, watches, neon signs and CD players.

Burnett said this is not the last of the hoagie eating contests.

Burnett said he hopes to make it an annual event. "This event was planned a couple of weeks in advance as a welcome back event to just have some fun," he added.

"Mountain" team member Jon Rosen said, "I had a great time, but don't ask me what was in those hoagies. There was no time to taste them."



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Team members stuff their faces with sandwiches at the Mountain Dew hoagie eating contest in J Street.

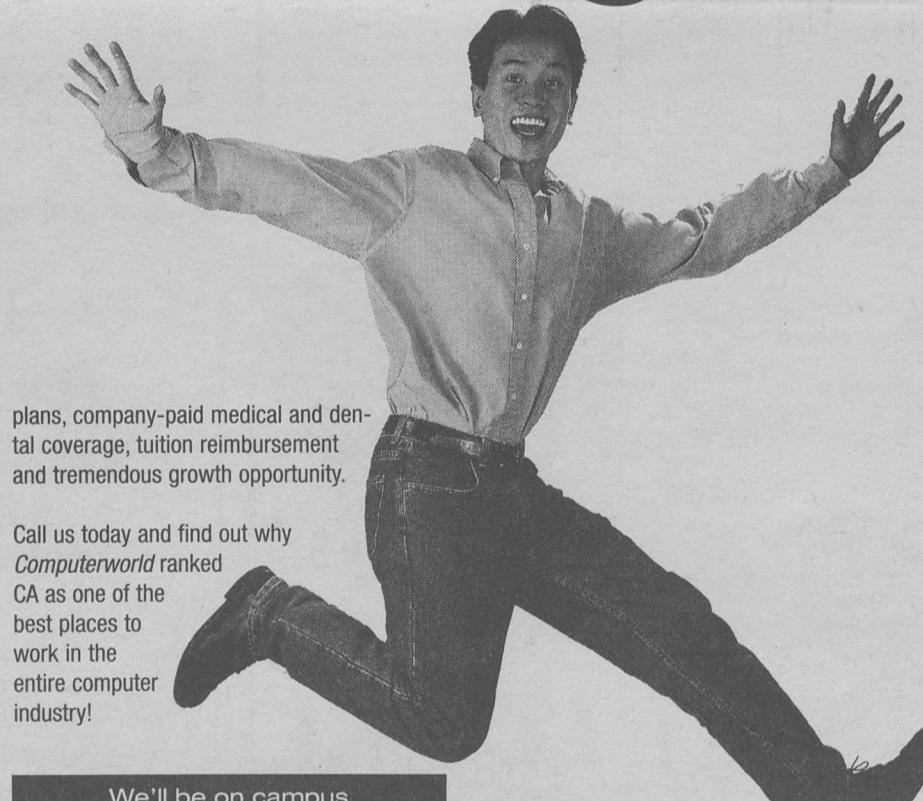
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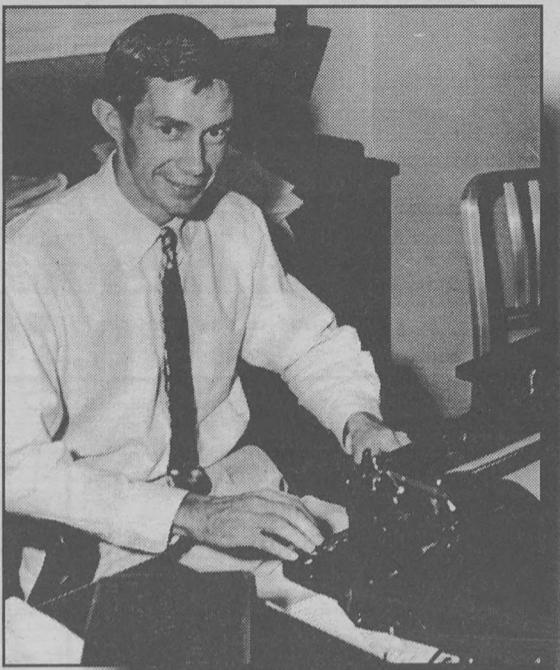
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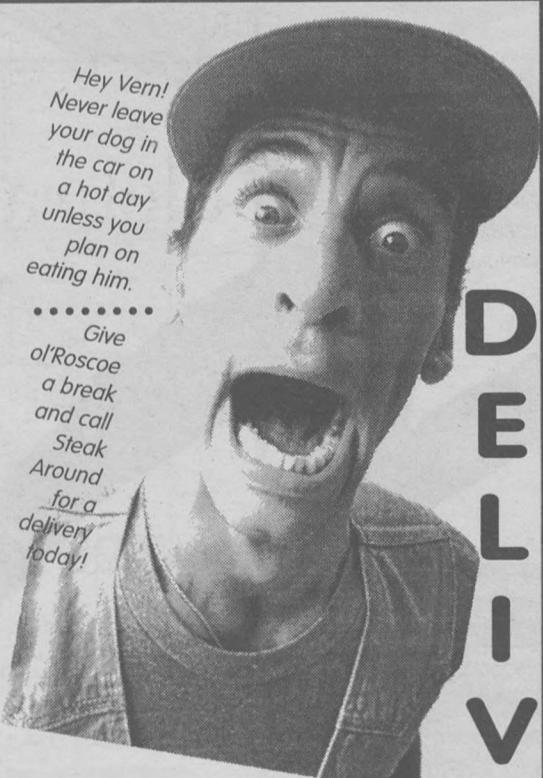
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ANC opposes Health and Wellness plan

by Nikki Kolodny
Hatchet Staff Writer

The local Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A voted unanimously Sept. 17 to continue to oppose GW's application for special zoning at 2301 G St. N.W. that would allow the University to build a Health and Wellness Center.

A final decision will be made by the Board of Zoning Adjustment Oct. 1 whether to accept GW's plans.

BZA rejected the University's original proposal in 1994, asking for further modifications. Since then, the University has been working to design a center that will be in the best interests of students and Foggy Bottom residents, said Al Ingle, associate vice president for the Office of Business Affairs.

Under D.C. law, ANC recommendations are weighed heavily, Ingle said. However, he said he is optimistic that BZA will rule in the University's favor.

"Unless the BZA chooses to change the rules, we will be successful," Ingle said.

The commissioners unanimously refused to allow Ingle to report recent amendments to the University's plan that attempt to alleviate earlier misgivings about the project.

The ANC opposes the University plan because it was "encroaching upon the Foggy Bottom and West End community," one commissioner said.

The ANC's resolution No. 97-9 rejects the University's proposal because it violates the approved campus plan that limits athletic activity to the Smith Center.

The ANC also argued that the

proposed Health and Wellness Center will have both recreational and educational uses, resulting in "high density" use. According to the campus plan, centers of high density must be centrally located.

Ingle said the ANC's resolution had nine major flaws including a contradiction in terms.

The resolution said, "plans include significant unrelated educational mixed-use space designed to be used separately from the exercise facilities, specifically a classroom on the main floor."

However, during the meeting, commissioners specifically attacked the center because it lacked educational value.

One resident suggested tensions might be eased if the University opens the facilities to the community as Georgetown University has done.

ANC Chairman Bernard Mozer said community access to the facility is not a point of contention between the ANC and GW.

The proposed Health and Wellness Center's primary purpose is to serve the recreational and fitness needs of the University population, according to the University.

It would encompass a state-of-the-art health and recreational center and will provide a holistic approach to health and wellness as well as a variety of self-help and trainer-based programs and activities.

"The vision for the Health and Wellness Center is not only to enhance health and wellness activities of the University, but to develop a social atmosphere for the University and its neighbors," Ingle wrote.

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UPD lends a helping hand

Officers complete repairs for elderly homeowners

by David Reinstein

Hatchet Reporter

University Police Department officers pruned shrubs and made general repairs Saturday, for elderly people who live in the District.

They volunteered as participants in the Hearts and Hammers Project, an organization that helps elderly, low income and disabled people in the D.C. area with their housing.

Anna McNeil, a senior citizen, relaxed in her home of 37 years as 10 UPD officers worked in her house and on her lawn.

"We arrived here at (8 a.m.). We stripped the porch, we primed and sanded the downstairs hallway and repainted leaks in the bathroom. We're fixing the handrails and replacing windows," said UPD Director Dolores Stafford.

Every year UPD donates their time and money to some charity or project, Stafford said. She said she enjoys hands-on projects.

"You can see the results at the end of the day. In one day, we can make a huge difference in this woman's life," Stafford added.

Stafford also said this was a day for UPD team-building.

UPD officers conversed and joked around on the front lawn when they were not busy with their tasks.

"I like doing this," Corporal Frank Demes said. He was installing a new toilet because McNeil's toilet had been leaking into her kitchen.

"At work you have a ranking system. Here you're just all equal," Demes said.

"At one time my entire family lived here," McNeil said. "Now I'm here alone."

"I'm just as contented as I could possibly be. My block is still just about the same, because most of us are older," she said. "We still take precautions, but we don't have high crime. I enjoy living by myself. I love it. I'm not frightened. I like my news. I like to read. I still get on the bus ... They say I'm ornery, but that's my right at this age."

McNeil said she became stressed about a lot of things she knew needed to be done around the house. She found out about Hearts and Hammers through Christmas in April, a similar organization.

"I'm very thankful for the help that they have given me," McNeil said.

Patricia Dennis is the program coordinator of volunteer service projects for the Robert Pierre Johnson Housing Development Corporation, the organization that oversees Hearts and Hammers.

Dennis said her organization is not a charity organization, but rather one that lets the community give back to itself.

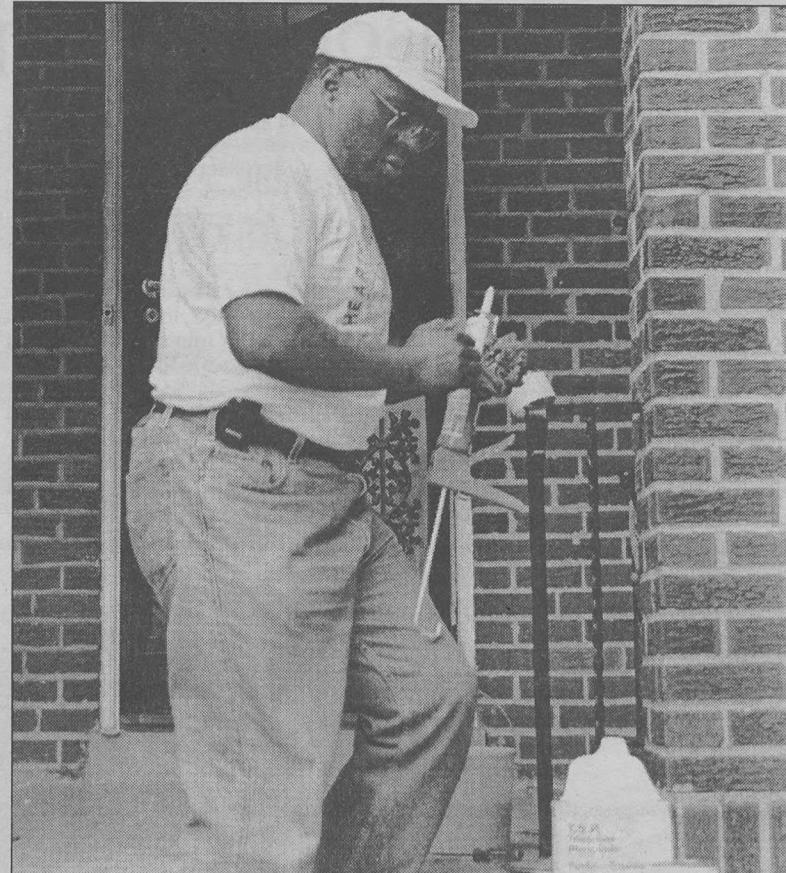
"We try to keep people in their homes," she added.

Hearts and Hammers runs projects like this every two weeks.

A group must raise \$500 to sponsor a project. UPD raised money through a summer picnic and selling candy.

Skilled and unskilled volunteers are welcome. One UPD officer who also was a Hearts volunteer did contracting work before working for UPD, but he was the only UPD volunteer with such experience who helped Saturday.

Hearts and Hammers receives part of its funding privately, in part from the United Way, and in part from the government.



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Armed with a caulking gun, Alen Hall, a UPD officer helps with repairs for Anna McNeil's house, which officers volunteered to work on Saturday.

GW lacks comprehensive plan for bomb threats

(from p. 1)

Michael Peller said the alarms will be tested Monday and Tuesday to see whether they are audible and whether they malfunctioned during the evacuation.

Peller also rejected the suggestion that Adams and Crawford halls were in danger.

"How far are we going to evacuate?" Peller said. "The Metropolitan Police Department are the professionals. It's their discretion."

Peller also discounted the claim that numerous people in back offices were never evacuated from the building, saying instead that only one person remained inside when he arrived on the scene around 8:30 p.m.

However, he said no public address announcement was made to supplement the alarm system because the person assigned to do so was unable to locate the microphone.

UPD Director Dolores Stafford

said she was unable to comment on any of the specific incidents.

But she said two-way radios were not used inside the Marvin Center during the evacuation. She also said that UPD officers had responded within five minutes to the bomb threat and handled the situation well.

"It is important to remember that (UPD) supports the Metropolitan Police Department in this type of emergency. (MPD) are the ones making the decisions," Stafford added.

But Garrity disagreed. "There is a huge gap between where we are and where we should be," he said. He said a true bomb incident plan does not exist as defined by the federal guidelines.

"Most other area universities have a plan and George Washington University does not," he said. "Everyone should know what their job is in an emergency and what happens in the case of a bomb threat. The Marvin Center staff are especially unclear as to what to do, and the

UPD, too, needs improvement."

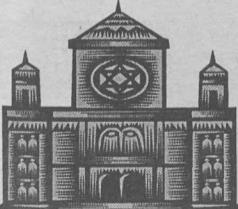
Pompan also concluded that a lack of training contributed to "visible confusion amongst students and Marvin Center staff, alike.

"We are committed to taking a leading role to ensure the proper steps are taken by the administration so that students feel comfortable using the Marvin Center."

Pompan and Garrity said they plan to meet with Stafford in the next two weeks to review procedures for the bomb incident plan.

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GW sponsors CNN president's speech at conference

by Michelle Higgins
Hatchet Reporter

CNN International President Eason Jordan addressed news directors from around the country at a GW-sponsored breakfast at the Radio and Television News Directors Association's annual conference in New Orleans Sept. 19.

Jordan discussed his recent travels to North Korea and Cuba, and the roles and responsibilities of journalists in the global community. He discussed the dangers of "pack journalism," which he said was most recently demonstrated in the media cover-

age of the death of Princess Diana.

Jordan also discussed CNN owner Ted Turner's commitment to global news. Jordan referred to the word foreign (as opposed to "global") as the "f-word." The f-word has no place in CNN's news rooms, he said.

Jordan recalled an incident in which Turner called him in the middle of a televised interview with a Russian foreign minister, furious that the "f-word" had made it on the air.

Jordan said the f-word was a part of the man's official title. "Well, tell him to change it," Turner replied.

Mike Freedman, director of University Relations and a member of the D.C. chapter of RTNDA, coordi-

nated the breakfast.

"GW is the only university in America that sponsors RTNDA events," Freedman said.

The University sponsors the event as part of GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg efforts to introduce the University to the national spotlight, he added.

"Trachtenberg understands and appreciates the fact that GW needs to be out there," Freedman said.

GW's participation in the conference "gets the word out to radio and television newscasters that GW is a big force ... in terms of our relationship between higher education and the media," Freedman added.

Jennie Josephson, a senior majoring in journalism, and Heather Clapp, a senior majoring in political communication, were chosen to assist with the breakfast.

Last year, Clapp was the first GW student to attend the conference in Los Angeles, Calif.

Josephson has been working in the Office of University Relations since her freshmen year, and has volunteered at the annual Public Radio Conference for the last two years.

Clapp and Josephson agreed that they learned a lot about radio and television news. "The conference was a great opportunity for us to hear from and talk with people already in

the industry about issues in the field," Clapp said.

"I met James Earl Jones and Walter Cronkite, and saw (Democratic campaign strategist) James Carville from across the room," Josephson said.

"Eason Jordan ... was one of the few people at the conference who wasn't afraid to challenge the media to do their jobs with a greater accuracy and commitment to the truth."

The journalism and political communication programs and University Relations helped cover the cost of the students' trip, including hotel accommodations and airfare.

-Jennifer Josephson and Heather Clapp contributed to this report.



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Clean-up of District schools falls flat

Volunteers are no shows for D.C. effort

by Tammy Imhoff
Hatchet Staff Writer

No volunteers showed up for "Back to School Spruce-Up Day" to help custodians clean GW neighbors Stevens Elementary and the School Without Walls prior to Monday's scheduled opening of D.C. public schools.

Volunteers were scheduled to meet at the D.C. Armory at 7 a.m. and work in teams at area schools until 2 p.m.

But at 11 a.m., no one had shown up, said Joseph Poole, the custodial foreman for the School Without Walls.

The organizers "told us to be here at (7 a.m.) to open the doors for people, but no one has come."

Poole said he planned on having the volunteers dust, replace light bulbs and clean the playground behind the school, which is littered with glass and broken bottles. Instead, Poole ended up polishing floors and replacing light bulbs by himself.

Lloyd Stewart, the engineering foreman at Stevens Elementary, also arrived at 7 a.m. so people could help him paint the restrooms. When no one arrived, he also said he tried to clean the school by himself.

"I'm just going around emptying trash cans, cleaning chalkboards and straightening up, making sure everything is ready," Stewart said.

Both men said that despite the poor turnout, the schools will be ready to open Monday.

The event was sponsored by the Greater Washington Urban League and the District's public school system.

The organizers of the clean-up from the Urban League said they hoped to send 5,000 students, parents and residents to help clean all 146 schools in the district, concentrating on the schools that had been closed over the summer for roof repairs, according to an article in The

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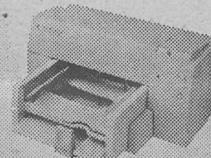
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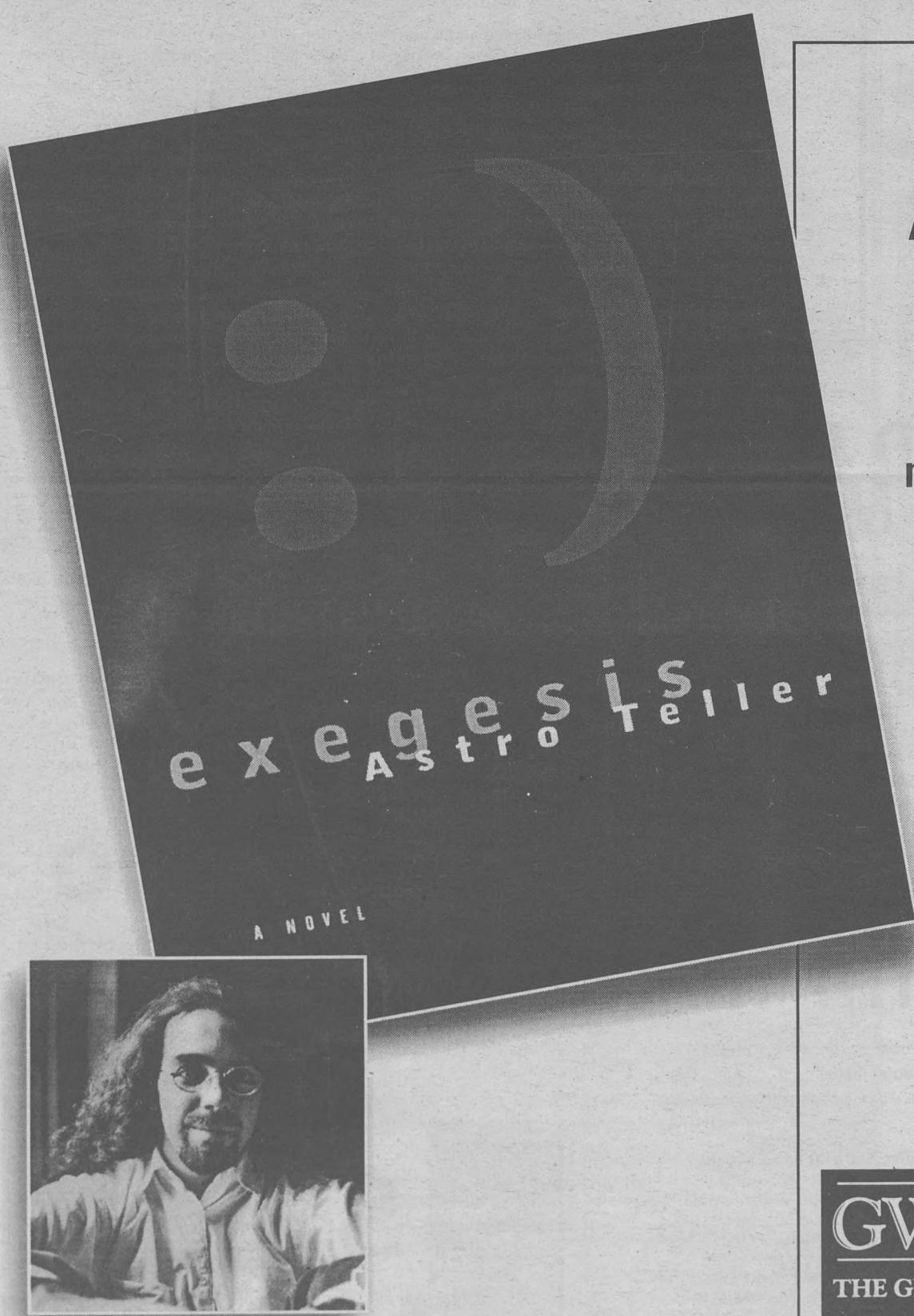
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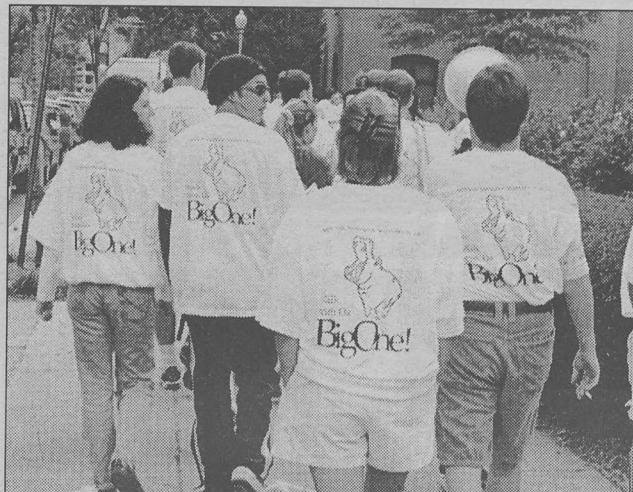
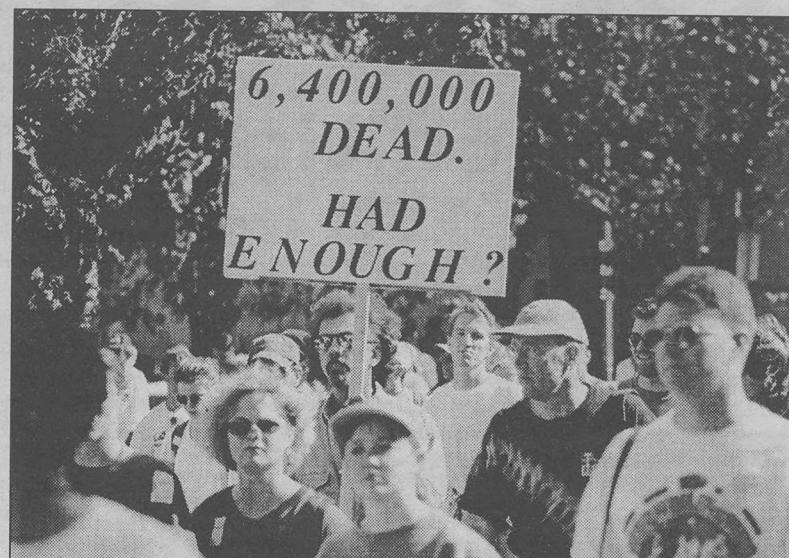
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GW unites biggest team ever in AIDS Walk

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"Rent."

The walk was 10 kilometers, about 6.2 miles.

Beginning at the Ellipse, the walkers' path curved around the Mall and past the Washington Monument. The path proceeded up 23rd Street, around Washington and Dupont circles, and back to the Ellipse.

GW students passed the time by making their presence known as one of the largest and most vocal groups walking. Armed with megaphones, group organizers led the massive team in various renditions of the GW fight song throughout the trek.

Sunday's AIDS Walk topped last year's number of walkers by 5,000 and increased fundraising by more than \$150,000.

All kinds of groups participated from major corporations like AT&T to local high schools.

University of Kentucky SAE chapter accused of hazing incident

(U-WIRE) LEXINGTON, Ky. — Comments from Lexington police officers obtained last week shed more light on the investigation of the University of Kentucky chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity accused of hazing pledges.

Through a window, Lexington Police said they saw 25 to 30 people in a basement the night of May 15 and the morning of May 16 "with a (SAE) flag hanging from the ceiling and two pledges seated in chairs at one end of the basement while others poured beer on them, yelling, beating them and knocking them to the floor and cheering," according to the police report.

Officer David Ashford and other metro officers waited outside until backup arrived at the house, rented by former SAE Vice President Seth Burnett.

In the report Ashford said, as the officers entered the basement of the

house, "the flag was quickly ripped down and, after some discussion, I obtained the flag and identified the fraternity involved."

Everyone who attended the party drank, half of whom were underage, Ashford said.

Lexington Police Officer Darren Greenwalt wrote in the report that he received a call Sept. 2 from "Seth" who asked Greenwalt to "rethink and reevaluate what he had observed."

Calls to Burnett and other fraternity officers were not returned. SAE denied any hazing.

After months of investigation, SAE was formally charged with hazing by the University Aug. 25 in a letter from University of Kentucky Assistant Dean of Students Victor Hazard to the fraternity's President Peter Nesmith, as well as Dean of Fraternities Tony Blanton, Dean of Students David Stockham and SAE national officers in Illinois.

Whitman-Walker Executive Director Jim Graham said he was pleased with the turnout from local universities.

Besides GW, teams from University of Maryland at College Park, Georgetown, Towson State, Howard, Catholic, American and Johns Hopkins universities participated.

American University drew the largest crowd, with more than 700 participants.

GW AIDS Walk Team Committee Public Relations Chair Michelle Proser said the group organizers were pleased with the size and stamina of the GW team.

"I was happy and amazed at the energy of all our walkers, especially the freshmen," Proser said. "It was pretty hot out, and we were cheering for the whole 10 kilometers."

Proser said the committee's goal this year was not a measurement of dollars and cents, but rather a sense of unity. "We

wanted to put together a group with the idea of getting people involved, and bettering the relationship between the GW community and the D.C. community," Proser said.

Participants said they were happy to be a part of an effort to help people suffering with AIDS.

"I had a close friend who passed away from AIDS," said Jeff Marootian, who also worked on the AIDS Walk in New York. "I saw how much reaching out benefited him."

"(The walk) is a great cause, and it deserves a good turnout," Candace Jackson said. "AIDS hits home with a lot more students than you think."

Proser said that with the impressive turnout of students this year, the AIDS Walk Committee has already begun to set goals for next year. "Our goal was 1,000 legs this year," Proser said. "I hope that we can double it and go for 2,000 in next year's walk."

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Sports

Wind, officiating hinder GW in 2-1 loss at Howard

by Claire Duggan
Senior Sports Writer

The GW men's soccer team suffered a disappointing 2-1 loss to Howard University Saturday night at the Bisons' home field.

men's soccer
Howard 2
GW 1

The game remained tied 1-1 until late in the second half when Howard scored its second goal in the 75th minute. Keelan Williams scored

the game-winning, unassisted goal with a shot from 20 yards out.

Howard led after only the third minute when the Bisons' Gregory Simonds scored off a pass from Andre Virtue.

Seven minutes later, GW (2-5) countered with the tying goal in the 10th minute. Midfielder Omar Sigtryggsson headed the ball into the net past HU's goalkeeper Kofi Boxhill.

Assists on the goal were given to Ben Ferry who, on a free kick, passed

the ball to his brother, Matt, who in turn fed the ball to Sigtryggsson. The score was Sigtryggsson's fourth goal of the season.

Windy conditions hindered both teams, especially when the players tried to set the ball still on the Astroturf for free and goal kicks. Unfortunately for the Colonials, the large crowd was a hindrance as well, with the bleachers filled almost exclusively with Howard fans.

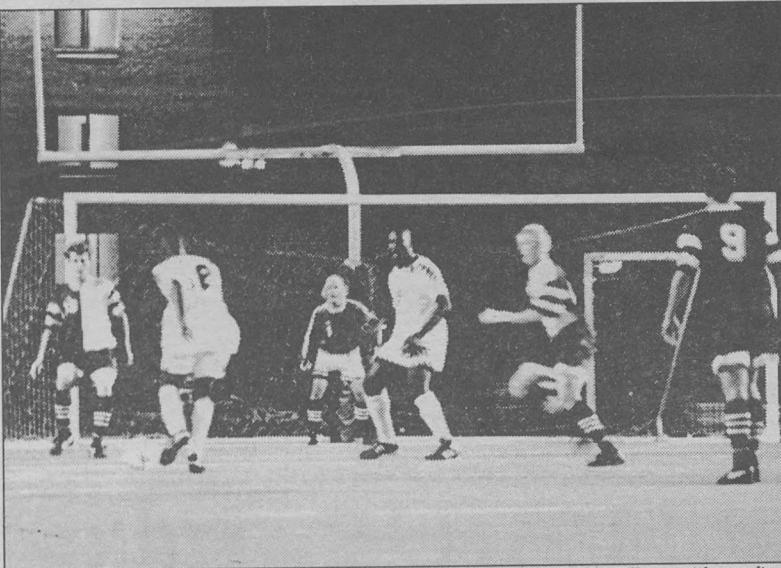
Another obstacle for GW was the officiating. According to a press release from GW Sports Information, Simonds, on the game's first goal, "appeared to be five yards offside."

"We're playing good against good teams, but we're not playing great," said coach John McNamara, who seemed to attribute the loss to the level of play, not mentioning the officiating or other factors.

"The keeper made a couple of really good saves," McNamara said of Jamie Hadzima's seven saves. Junior midfielder Craig Jones also stepped up on defense. He headed out two clean shots on GW's goal in the second half in the span of about 20 seconds.

"Obviously we have to bring our level up, especially mentally," Sigtryggsson said of improvements that must be made in the near future. "Each individual has to look at himself."

The Colonials are in action again this Friday, when they travel to Virginia Tech to begin the Atlantic 10 portion of their schedule.



In a rare night game, the Colonials fell to Howard and are now 2-5 as they start A-10 play.

photos by Claire Duggan/photo editor

Colonial women defeat Rams, Hokies in first A-10 matches

by Jamie Lin
Hatchet Sports Writer

In what promises to be a dogfight, Atlantic 10 Conference play commenced with women's volleyball. The GW women's volleyball team winning its first two games. The Colonial women beat Fordham University Wednesday and won a five-game thriller over Virginia Tech Friday.

After cruising through their early season non-conference tournaments with an 8-3 record, the Colonial women were prepared for the real thing.

"Anytime you go into a conference match everything is on the line because every win and loss makes a big difference at the end," head coach Susie Homan said.

GW 3, Virginia Tech 2

In a roller coaster ride of a match, GW came out strong against a "big, physical and well coached" Virginia Tech team, Homan said. Clearly dominating, the Colonial women left the intimidating Hokies scared, winning the first game 15-7.

"We played the first game exactly the way we wanted to, we literally did everything in our game plan," Homan said. A total of 17 errors in the second and third games, though,

resulted in 15-5 and 15-4 losses.

"I thought we just relaxed," Homan said. "It didn't feel like we were fighting every point."

Facing a must-win situation the Colonial women stayed alive with the help of setter Jill Levey, who turned it up a notch in game four.

"Jill was out of sync in the second and third games," Homan said. "She worked hard to regain composure. She finished making great choices and great plays." GW fought off elimination and won game four, 15-13.

"We were starting to doubt ourselves, but we all pulled together," Levey said.

In the Colonial women's first game five of the season, they were forced into a rally scoring situation. Homan compared the pressure to the last minute of a close basketball game, where if a team misses the free throw, it is more like the opponent is receiving a point.

"You never really know how you will respond to that situation," Homan said.

With the crowd's support, the Colonial women stayed focused and won 15-8 on one of sophomore Theresa Ridder's 11 kills.

Homan said she felt the team will encounter more four and five game matches with the competitive nature of the A-10.

GW 3, Fordham 1

Things began on a shaky note for the Colonial women in their first conference game Wednesday, giving up the first five points to Fordham, which is a noticeably improved team from last season.

"Fordham was really competitive," Homan said. "We needed to pick up the intensity and be aware of the points that were being scored."

Late in the first game GW mounted a comeback, but it was too little too late, with the Colonial women falling 15-9.

The start of the second game was a repeat of the first with Fordham scoring the first six points. But after a seven-point run with solid serving from Crystal Akens, the Colonial women pulled within one.

"We needed to refocus and stick to our original game plan," Akens said.

A kill from sophomore Lisa Mullarkey completed the game for the Colonial women, 15-13.

"Lisa was great in the middle and that was what we needed," Akens said. Homan agreed, saying Mullarkey played more competitively than she has played previously.

GW returned from the break carrying the momentum from game two into the final two games, winning 15-10 and 15-9.

Upcoming Games WS - women's soccer

Monday

no games scheduled

Tuesday

WS at Virginia-7 p.m.

Wednesday

no games scheduled

Thursday

no games scheduled



GW senior defender Scott Zmrhal (r) battles for the ball in the Colonials' 2-1 loss to Howard Saturday.

Harriers lose at UR

The GW men's and women's cross country teams both were defeated at the University of Richmond Saturday, despite having first place finishers in both races.

cross country

"It's too bad that wasn't the objective," head coach Jim Hopkins said. "But it demonstrates how well Amanda (Roebel) and Jeff (McCarthy) are running right now."

The women's team fell 24-31 to the Lady Spiders, even though GW junior Amanda Roebel finished first in the women's race with a time of 19:10. Richmond captured the win, however, by placing the second, third, fifth, sixth and eighth finishers for a lower team finish than GW.

Senior Tarra Short was the second highest finisher behind Roebel for the Colonial women, traversing the 3.05-mile course in 20:05.

GW junior Jeff McCarthy finished first in the 4.95-mile men's race with a time of 27:32. However, the second, third and fifth finishers were all Spiders, giving Richmond a 25-33 win. The Colonials had the fourth-, sixth-, tenth- and twelfth-place finishers.

Both teams are running without their top runners, Jason Weber and Lauren Edwards.

"I think when we are running with everyone we'll do all right," Hopkins said.

The men's team is winless at 0-4 on the season for first-year head coach Jim Hopkins, while the women's team is 1-3. Both teams will host the GW Invitational at Bull Run Park in Centreville, Va. Sat., Sept. 27, at 10:00 a.m.

-Dave Mann and Dustin Gouker

Tennis tops Towson State

The GW women's tennis team topped Towson State University five matches to one women's tennis Tuesday, Sept. 16, improving the team's record to 3-1 on the season.

Number one player Helen Andrews, after sitting out two of the team's first three matches with injuries, topped Dana Lewis of Towson State 6-2, 7-6 (7-4). Julie Kim won at the number two position, with a 7-6 (7-5), 6-1 victory over Towson State's Stephanie Krouse.

Jen Beck was the only winner for Towson State, winning a close 7-6, 6-4 match at the number six position. Other winners for GW included Sarime Weingarten at number three, Holly Huntley at number four and Brandy Rosenberg at number five.

The Colonial women opened their fall season Sept. 13 with wins over George Mason and Georgetown Universities and a loss to the University of Pennsylvania.

-Dave Mann

McGwire, Griffey enthuse fans with chase of Maris

For the first time in a long while in baseball, two players have a chance to reach the illustrious mark of 61 home runs.

Okay, so it's a very slim chance. In fact, it probably won't happen. But if Mark McGwire or Ken Griffey Jr. does manage to break Roger Maris' record, we shouldn't be nit-picking about if it was more difficult to hit 61 in yesterday than today.

Baseball fans and historians alike should be reveling in the fact that people are really excited about baseball again, and that the game is regaining its former stature.

Ever since the infamous strike of 1994, ill-feeling has been aimed at baseball by the general public. After that fiasco, most people considered baseball players to be a bunch of hypocritical, overpaid whiners, to put it nicely.

For some reason, though, I haven't heard too much bad stuff said about baseball in 1997. Maybe it started in 1995 when Cal Ripken

Jr. broke Lou Gehrig's consecutive game streak. Perhaps the public viewed it to be more than just a record being broken — Ripken showed how persistence and work ethic are not totally lost in a game some associate with laziness and apathy.

No matter how it started, people are more excited about baseball again. Interleague play between the National and American Leagues was a success, with people across the country turning out to see intriguing match-ups that don't usually occur.

Now everyone interested in baseball seems to be captivated with the McGwire and Griffey show and how near they are to reaching one of baseball's magical numbers, one that many people think will never be touched.

What is disheartening is that while these two players already have achieved so much,

some sticks-in-the-mud are trying to cheapen their accomplishments.

Many people who follow the game seem to be concerned with putting asterisks or percent signs or some other ridiculous punctuation mark next to their names in the record books for a variety of reasons. And they argue that we shouldn't even be comparing these guys to the greats of baseball's golden era.

Let's look instead at what they already have accomplished. After Saturday's games, McGwire had hit 54 home runs, and Griffey had hit 53 homers.

Looking at McGwire's total so far, only five players in the history of the game have hit more home runs in a season than he has. Additionally, no one has had 54 or more since Maris (61) and Mickey Mantle (54) both did it

in 1961.

Griffey's 53 isn't too shabby either, and chances are both players will hit at least a couple of home runs in the few remaining games, truly putting them among baseball's elite power hitters.

But something is even more important about their chase of Maris' record. Each morning, when baseball fans open up the sports page, they eagerly are looking at the roundups and box scores to see if one of baseball's dynamic duo jacked a ball out of the yard the previous night. Personalities who can get people that involved and enthralled with the game of baseball again are worthy of reverence.

One day, someone is going to hit 62 home runs, or maybe 63. It might be this year, or it may be decades down the road. But when it does happen, don't let me hear the arguments about what the record books should say. I don't care, and I don't think the people who really love the game of baseball do either.

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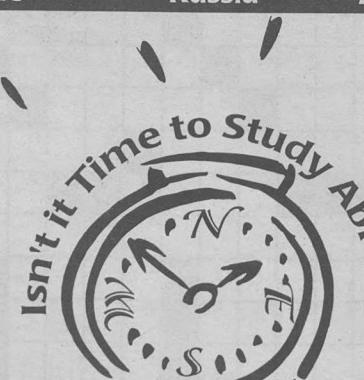
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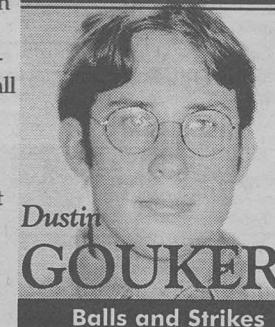
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1 Webster's, e.g.: Abbr.

5 Ones easily fooled

9 Afflictions

14 Jacob's twin

15 "Not guilty," e.g.

16 Dwelling place

17 Green shot

18 Bibliography, basically

19 Cheek cosmetic

20 Parts of lbs.

21 Diagonally

23 Put safely to bed, as a child

25 Peewee

26 Steal cattle

29 Actor Nielsen of "Airplane!"

33 Practices in the ring

35 Be jubilant

37 Octopus's defense

38 Cheryl of "Charlie's Angels"

39 Louvers

40 Lavish affection (on)

41 Lubricate

42 Taxonomic divisions

43 Clerics' confab

44 2 or 3, maybe, on the Richter scale

46 Macbeth and others

48 —

Normandie (Channel Islands)

50 Tidbit

53 Dry bouquet item

58 — and cry

59 Poppy product

60 Stead

61 1995 porcine Oscar-nominee

62 Not so good

63 Muscat's land

64 Rainless

65 Lip-curling smile

66 Telegraphed

67 Caddie supplies

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